



Superior Court of California County of Riverside

Hawthorne School
9174 Indiana Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503

The Superior Court has developed the following protocol for our Hawthorne Cases:

1. All cases set between January 14, 2008 and June 30, 2008, will be sent confirmation notices of their trial dates. They will report directly to Hawthorne School as stated in the notices. It is anticipated that future notices will direct the parties to appear at the Riverside Historic Court House prior to being sent to the Hawthorne School location. It will be important that all counsel appear at the location indicated in the notice.
2. All cases 54 months or older, are being sent notices to appear for trial setting. Trial Setting Calendars will be conducted on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. On January 18 and January 25, the calendar will be heard in Department 1. Thereafter, the calendar will be heard in Department 4.
3. In those cases where both sides have announced ready and requested a trial date, you may set a Trial Setting Conference in the appropriate department (Department 1 or Department 4 depending upon the date) on any Friday at 11:00 a.m.
4. Judge Mike Kaiser will serve as the master calendar judge in Hawthorne for those cases originally assigned to the Hawthorne School. Once the parties arrive there, he will determine which cases will get assigned out to the various judges.
5. All ex partes occurring prior to the appearance date at Hawthorne School should remain in the assigned departments. Thus, if a person comes in with an ex parte application to continue a trial, the judge to whom that case had been assigned (e.g. Department 5 or 2G) should hear the ex parte application. If a trial date is continued, it will be important to let the Trial Setting Conference judge and the master calendar judge at the Hawthorne School know that a trial has been continued.
6. The other judges that are scheduled to be at Hawthorne School are Judge Kenneth Ziebarth, Judge Lillian Lim, and Judge William E. Burby, Jr. All three judges are retired and currently working the Assigned Judges Program.

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